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SUBJECT: UK-MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS

1. MARTIN REID, HEAD OF FCO CENTRAL AND SOUTH AFRICA DEPARTMENT, DESCRIBED THE SEPTEMBER 2 MEETING BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE'S FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO (ON HIS WAY BACK TO LOURENCO MARQUES FROM LIMA) AND UK MINISTER OF STATE DAVID ENNALS AS "EXCEEDINGLY CORDIAL." AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE TWO FORMALLY ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND THE BRITISH RECEIVED VERBAL AGREEMENT FOR THEIR PROPOSED AMBASSADOR.

2. CHISSANO WAS PLEASED BY HIS RECEPTION IN LONDON AND REGRETFUL ABOUT THE DELAY IN SETTING UP RELATIONS. HE DESCRIBED AT LENGTH, PUNCTUATED WITH APOLOGIES, THE FRUSTRATIONS AND CONFUSIONS OF A NEW GOVERNMENT COMING TO POWER IN A NEW STATE. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION, CHISSANO TWICE MENTIONED HIS HOPE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES SOON. REID SAID CHISSANO SOUGHT TO DISPEL ANY NOTION THAT THE DELAY IN OPENING NORMAL

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DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH THE UK -- AND BY EXTENSION WITH

OTHER WESTERN POWERS -- CARRIED WITH IT ANY SUBTLE POLITICAL IMPLICATION.

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